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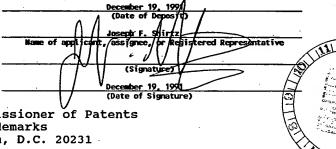
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For

METHOD AND DEVICE FOR VAPOR STERILIZATION OF ARTICLES

HAVING LUMENS

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## **AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 1991, please amend the above identified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 11 and 20 as follows:

(Twice Amended) A device for delivering antimicrobial vapor to the lumen of an article during solution vapor sterilization, said device comprising a, vessel for containing an antimicrobial solution and having an opening therein, and means for connecting said opening of said vessel to said lumen said vessel being closed to the ambient atmosphere except through such opening said vessel containing a known quantity of antimicrobial solution for vapor formation.

20. (Twice Amended)

device for enhancing solution vapor